

# THE TARIFF BILL.

It is Reported to the Senate in Complete Form at Last.

## DEBATE WILL BEGIN MONDAY WEEK

The Changes Made in the Bill Since It Was Reported to the Full Committee by the Sub-Committee—The Most Important Change in the Sugar Schedule—The Cigar Tax Remains As in the Present Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—After the senate was called to order at noon today Mr. Voorhees, chairman of the finance committee, reported, from that committee, the tariff bill, introducing it in a few words. When it had been read by title Mr. Voorhees rose and said: "I ask that the bill be printed and placed on the calendar, and I give notice that on the 24 of April, a week from next Monday, I will call the bill up for consideration by the senate."

Mr. Morrill, one of the Republican members of the finance committee, said he had no objection to the bill being reported to the senate, but he was opposed not only to the income tax but also to the change from specific to ad valorem duties.

Mr. Manderson (Rep., Neb.) inquired whether there was to be any written report accompanying the bill. "There is not," said Mr. Voorhees, emphatically. "Will there be any statement?" asked Mr. Manderson. "There will be when the bill is called up," replied Mr. Voorhees.

The most important change made in the bill since the report of the sub-committee heretofore published, is in the sugar schedule, a change being made by which an additional duty of one-eighth of one cent per pound is given on all sugars testing above 98 degrees by the polariscope test or which are above No. 16 Dutch standard in point of color. The text of the sugar schedule, as now agreed upon, is as follows:

"All sugars, tank bottoms, syrups of cane juice or of beet juice, molasses, concentrated molasses, concrete and concentrated molasses testing by the polariscope not above 80 degrees, shall pay a duty of 1 cent per pound, and for every degree or fraction of a degree above 80 and not above 90 degrees shown by the polariscope test shall pay one hundredth of a cent per pound additional, and above 90 and not above 98 degrees for every additional degree or fraction of a degree shown by the polariscope test shall pay a duty of two hundredths of a cent per pound additional, and upon all sugar testing above 98 degrees by the polariscope test or above No. 16 by the Dutch standard in color, there shall be levied and collected a duty of one-eighth of one cent per pound in addition to the duty imposed upon sugars testing above 98 degrees; molasses testing not above 56 degrees by the polariscope test shall pay a duty of 2 cents per gallon; molasses testing above 56 degrees shall pay a duty of 4 cents per gallon.

THE HAWAIIAN TREATY. The provisions abrogating the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty are struck from the revised bill and a specific declaration is inserted repealing the reciprocity treaties negotiated under the McKinley act.

Other changes made in the revised bill from the bill as agreed upon by the sub-committee, are as follows: Lime is placed at 15 per cent ad valorem instead of 20 per cent in the senate sub-committee bill and 10 per cent in the Wilson bill, and the duty is made to include the value of covering of barrels. Plaster of paris, which was not changed in the senate sub-committee bill from the Wilson rate of 10 per cent ad valorem on the ground article, is to pay a duty of 51 per ton. Cast polished plate glass, finished or unfinished, and untempered, not exceeding 24 by 60 inches square, 20 cents per square foot instead of 18 cents in the Wilson bill; all above the dimensions given 35 cents per square foot, instead of 30 cents as in the Wilson bill. All sheets of iron or steel common or black, thinner than No. 25 wire gauge, and black daggers, iron or steel pickled or cleaned, is changed from 9-10 of 1 cent per pound to 3 of 1 cent per pound, and the provision which the house bill carried but which was stricken out of the original senate bill that this change shall take effect after October 1st, 1894, is restored. Tin plate, tinned plate and tinned tin, 1 cent per pound instead of 1 1-5 cents as in the Wilson bill, the senate sub-committee not having before changed from the Wilson rate. In this paragraph the Wilson bill provision that the rate shall take effect October 1, 1894, is restored. Cast iron pipe of every description 22 1/2 per cent ad valorem instead of 25 per cent in the Wilson bill and 20 per cent in the senate sub-committee bill. Cross cut saws, mill, bit and drag saws 15 per cent ad valorem instead of 25 per cent, the Wilson bill rate. The lead and lead ore duties are left unchanged from the senate sub-committee rates as are the iron ore and coal duties.

Cut nails and cut spikes of iron or steel, 22 1/2 per cent ad valorem, instead of 30 per cent, as in the Wilson and sub-committee bills.

Anchovies, sardines and other fish, packed in oil, 25 per cent ad valorem, instead of 30 per cent, as in the Wilson and sub-committee bills.

Castor oil, 65c per gallon, which is the same rate as that fixed in the Wilson bill, and an increase from the sub-committee bill, which places it at 50 per cent ad valorem.

Tissue paper, copying, filtering and silver paper, 30 per cent ad valorem, instead of 25 per cent in the Wilson and sub-committee bills.

Manufactured corks 10c per pound instead of 20c in the Wilson and sub-committee bills.

Oil cloth for floors, including linoleum, cortice, cork, carpets valued at 25c per yard, 20 per cent ad valorem instead of 30 in the Wilson bill, and 25 in the sub-committee bill.

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Agricultural products and provisions: Oat meal has been stricken from the section which places a duty on buckwheat, corn, etc., of 20 per cent ad valorem, but admits that, including oat meal, free from any country which imposes no import duty on the like products when exported from the United States, and in lieu thereof oatmeal is given a duty of 10 per cent ad valorem. Castor beans or seeds, changed from 20 per cent ad valorem to 25 cents per bushel of fifty pounds, as provided by the house bill.

Collars and cuffs, composed wholly or in part of linen, increased from 45 to 55 per cent ad valorem; shirts and all other articles of wearing apparel of every description not specially provided for in this act, composed wholly or in part of linen, increased from 35 to 50 per cent ad valorem. The schedule for wool and manufactures of wool, silk

and silk goods remains unchanged from that in the sub-committee's bill heretofore reported.

There have been added to the free list pine apples, bananas, coconuts, horn strips and tips. No articles were taken from the free list.

Playing cards are restored to the Wilson rate of 10 cents per pack, instead of 2 cents per pack, as fixed by the senate sub-committee. Pipes, pipe bowls and all smokers' articles not specially provided for in this act, including cigarette books, cigarette book covers, pouches for smoking or chewing tobacco, and cigarette paper in all forms, the Wilson rate of 5 per cent ad valorem is restored, the sub-committee rate having been 40 per cent ad valorem, and the remainder of this paragraph is made to read as follows: "And pipe bowls of clay, 10 per cent ad valorem."

In the internal revenue schedule the committee strikes out the provision of the senate sub-committee taxing cigars and cigarettes weighing more than three pounds \$5 per 1000, and cigarettes in paper weighing not more than three pounds \$1 per 1000, and wrapped in tobacco, 50 cents per 1000, thus leaving the taxes on the articles unchanged from the present law. The provision in the income tax amendment relating to a tax on building and loan associations which was exempted by the house and stricken out when the senate sub-committee reported the bill has been restored with the proviso that the tax shall not be levied upon those institutions which make no loans except to shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to build homes.

## MANUFACTURES OF TOBACCO DEFINED.

The following which was not in either the house bill or the bill as framed by the senate sub-committee is inserted: "Every person whose business it is to manufacture tobacco or snuff for himself, or who employs others to manufacture tobacco or snuff, whether such manufacture be by cutting, pressing, grinding, crushing, or rubbing of any raw or leaf tobacco, or otherwise preparing raw or leaf tobacco, or manufacturing or partially manufacturing tobacco or snuff, or the putting up for use, or consumption of scraps, waste, clippings, stems or deposits of tobacco resulting from process of handling tobacco, or by the working or preparation of leaf tobacco, tobacco stems, scraps, clippings, or waste, by sitting, twisting, screening, or any other process, shall be regarded as a manufacturer of tobacco.

Every person shall also be regarded as a manufacturer of tobacco whose business it is to sell leaf tobacco in quantities less than the original hogshead, case or bale, or who sells directly to consumers, or to persons other than duly registered dealers in leaf tobacco, or to duly registered dealers in manufactured tobacco, snuff, or cigars, or to persons who purchase in original packages for export; and all tobacco so sold by such persons shall be regarded as manufactured tobacco, and such manufactured tobacco shall be put up and prepared by such manufacturer in such packages only as the commissioner of internal revenue, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, shall prescribe; provided, that farmers and growers of tobacco who sell leaf tobacco of their own growth and raising shall not be regarded as manufacturers of tobacco; and so much of section three thousand two hundred and forty-four of the revised statutes of the United States and acts amendatory thereof as are in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

## REPEAL OF THE MCKINLEY BILL.

The language of the bill repealing the McKinley act has been modified to a considerable extent. The house bill provided for the repeal of "all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith."

The senate sub-committee bill, when first reported, struck out that language and named the McKinley bill by title and repealed it outright, as well as all acts inconsistent with the present bill. The bill reported to-day provides specifically for the repeal of section 3 of the McKinley act, the reciprocity section, and inserts the following abrogating treaties made in this section: "All agreements or arrangements made or proclaimed between the United States and foreign governments under the provisions of said sections are hereby abrogated, for which the President shall give such notice to the authorities of said foreign governments, as may be required by the terms of such agreements.

Sections 15 and 16 of the McKinley law are repealed specifically. These sections provide that the products of the forest upon the St. John and St. Croix rivers in Maine and their tributaries may be readmitted free of duty.

The following section, which was inserted in the bill by the senate sub-committee, has been eliminated from the bill, the effect being to leave the Hawaiian treaty in full force and effect: That the President of the United States shall immediately upon the passage of this act give notice to the government of the Hawaiian islands that the United States intends to terminate the treaty of June 3, 1875, made between the United States and his majesty, the king of the Hawaiian islands, as provided in the fifth article of said treaty; and it is hereby further enacted that after the expiration of twelve months from the time of giving such notice the said treaty shall be terminated and its provisions cease to be obligatory upon the contracting parties thereto.

The following provision which was in the Wilson bill and remained in the senate sub-committee's bill when first



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reported has been struck out, leaving the present law to remain in force:

"That section 2084 of the revised statutes be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 2084. The secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized, except as otherwise specially provided in this act, upon production of satisfactory proof to him of the actual injury or destruction in whole or in part of any merchandise, for any cause whatsoever, while the same remained in the custody of officers of the customs and public or private warehouse under bond, or in the appraisers' stores undergoing appraisal, in pursuance of law or regulations of the treasury department, or while in transportation under bond from the port of entry to any other port in the United States, or while in the custody of officers of the customs and not in bond, or while within the limits of any port of entry and before the same have been landed under the supervision of the officers of the customs, to abate or refund, as the case may be, out of any moneys in the treasury and not otherwise appropriated the amount of import duties paid or accruing thereupon, and likewise to cancel any warehouse bond or bonds or enter satisfaction thereon in whole or part, as the case may be."

## ADMINISTRATIVE FEATURE.

When the bill was first reported by the senate sub-committee a great many changes were made in the wording of the administrative portion of the Wilson bill. Some additional changes have been made since then. In section 4 the house bill provided that in levying duty upon two articles of similar material, quality and texture, and upon mixed articles, the highest rate of duty chargeable under this act should be levied. The senate sub-committee struck out "highest" and inserted "lowest." This has been changed back again, and is now the same as it was in the Wilson bill.

In section 5, relating to the delivery of imported packages to the importer, it is provided that such delivery shall not be made "until the packages are plainly marked" and the words, except "under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe," are stricken out.

In section 22, the sub-committee struck out of the Wilson bill the following: "And provided, further, that the drawback on any article allowed under existing law shall be continued at the rate herein provided." This is restored in the new bill.

The following in the same section of the Wilson bill which was not disturbed by the senate sub-committee is now struck out from the revised bill: "Provided further, that a drawback shall be allowed equal to the duty paid, less one per centum upon any imported bagging made of jute bolls which shall have been used exclusively as outside covering for lint cotton when exported, the rate and amount of such drawback to be ascertained under such regulations as the secretary of the treasury may prescribe."

## POTTERS ENDORSE GILL.

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STREUBENVILLE, O., March 20.—The candidacy of J. J. Gill (Republican), the banker manufacturer, for Congress, received another boom to-night from the potters who passed a strong set of resolutions endorsing him. The resolutions after reciting that he has always paid union wages to skilled mechanics, and to common labor the highest wages in the valley, and that by his example in regard has been of great assistance to other workmen, and that he is recognized by all as a model employer also, and that the pottery business needs the services of such a man in Congress possessed of a wide business experience who will be alive to its interests and to the right of the American potters against the poorly paid labor of Europe, the potters, without regard to party, endorse and ask that he be a candidate, and join with similar organizations in their efforts to influence all laboring men in this district to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Mr. Gill and thereby have their interests protected.

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